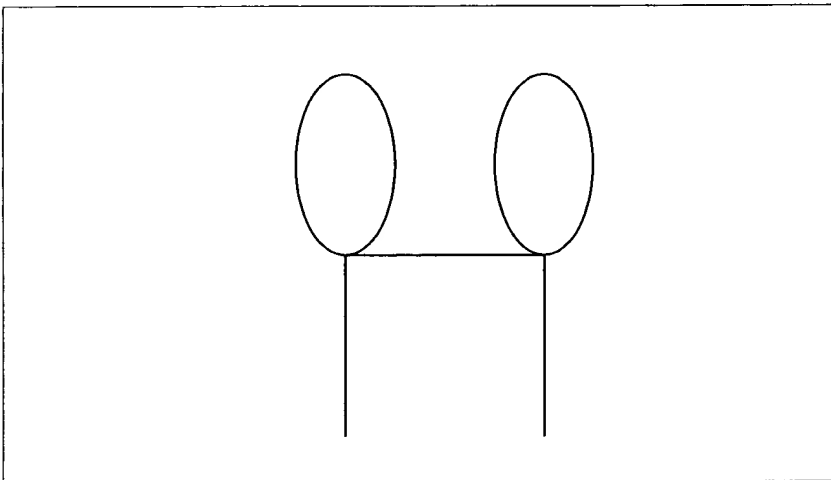


REMARKS

The following analysis supplements the arguments included with the amendment filed July 7, 2005.

In describing the ZWICKER reference, the Official Action states on page 3, lines 1-2: "... correspond [to] two distinct main sensitivity directions (inherently form two frontal directional sensitivity direction[s] by M1, M2 or M1', M2') that lie at angle to one another." It appears that this statement is based on an interpretation that assumes the following situation when analysing the Zwicker reference.

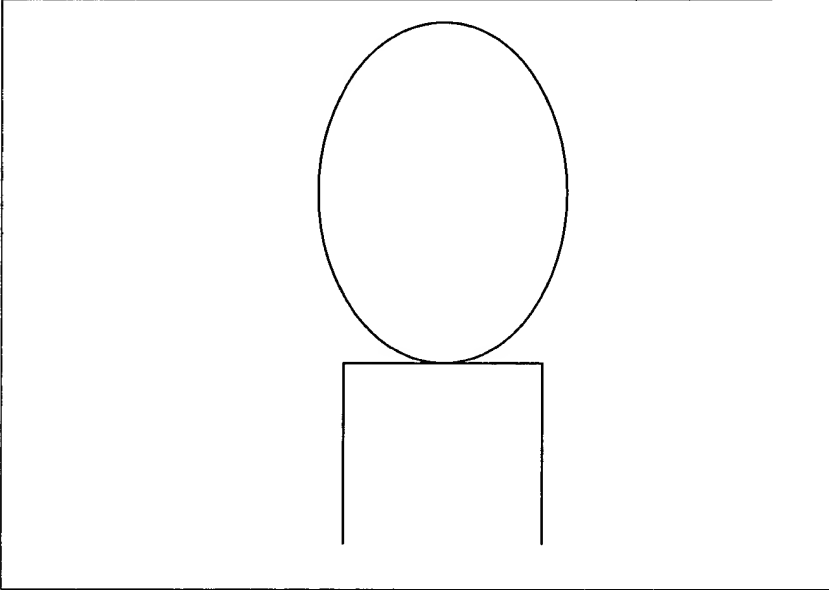


The straight lines in this figure schematically represent the glasses. The ellipses are two main sensitivity directions as produced by two different arrays, i.e., one array M1, M2 at the left temple and one M1', M2' at the right temple.

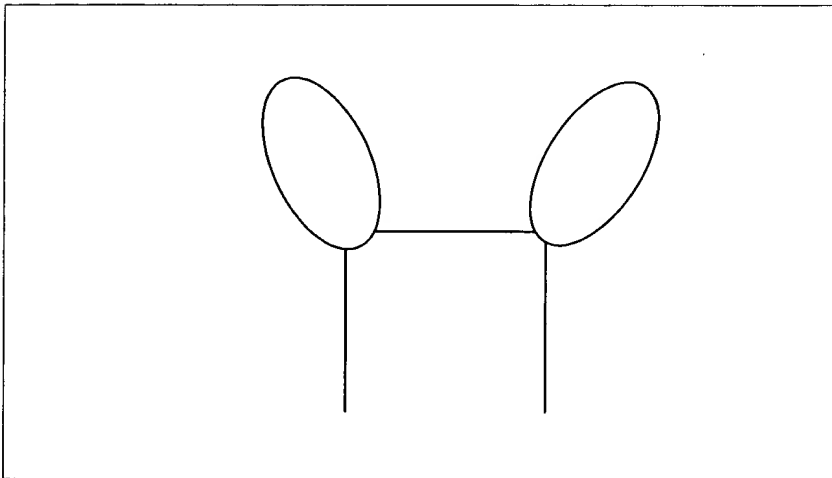
Even though this is incorrect (there is only one main lob) one might argue that these two main sensitivity directions lie at an angle since Figure 1 of Zwicker could be interpreted to show that the temples 9, 10 are drawn at an angle.

If such an interpretation underlies the rejection, however, it is critical to bear in mind that Figure 1 is only an artist's impression, and the fact that the temples 9 and 10 are not 100% parallel in Figure 1 is due merely to the fact that Figure 1 is a perspective display as seen from behind a users head. The quotes from ZWICKER given above clearly indicate that the object and result of the ZWICKER hearing aid is to generate one monodirectional main lob.

A person skilled in the art, when considering the full teaching of ZWICKER (*"without destroying the directional characteristic of the directional microphone arrangement"*, column 1, lines 52-54), understands that the ZWICKER hearing aid has only one single main lob that can be drawn as follows:



Contrary to that, the situation of the present patent application can be summarised as follows, as is manifest in the present claims.



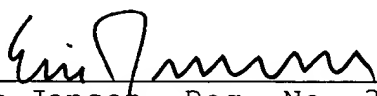
Applicants suggest that the amendments and analysis already of record, together with the further arguments presented above, make clear that the present claims define an invention that is neither anticipated by nor obvious in light of any known prior art, including the ZWICKER patent.

If the Examiner has any questions or requires further clarification of any of the above points, the Examiner may contact the undersigned attorney so that this application may continued to be expeditiously advanced.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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